## **Listing of Claims:**

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Claims:

1 - 8 (canceled).

9. (currently amended) A method for attenuating the progression of renal fibrosis in a subject in need thereof, exposed to an inducer of renal fibrosis, the method comprising the step of administering to the subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said compound being a member of a group having the general formula:

$$R_1$$
n- $N$ 0  $R_2$  $R_3$ 

wherein: n=1-2

R1 is a member of the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, nitro, benzo,

lower

alkyl, phenyl and lower alkoxy,